

AN EPISTLE OF PVBLIVS LENTVLVS WRIT-

ten to the Senat and people of Rome concerning the true description, and
portraiture of Iesus Christ gathered out of an old manuscript booke,
in the library of the College of Brasenose
IN OXFORD.

IN the time of Octavius Cesar, when it was accusto-
med that those who were gouernours of provinces,
and countries vnder the Senate, and people of
Rome, did certifie the Senators who were at Rome
of all strange events, and newes, which happened
in their severall Countries, and climats of the world:
Publius Lentulus at that time, being in Iurie the gouernour over that
Country, wrote vnto the Senate and people of Rome in these words.

Here arised in my time, and yet there is a man of
great power and vertue, whose name is Iesus Christ,
who is called the Prophet of the truth: and of his
Disciples is called the sonne of God: hee raiseth vp
the dead, and healeth maladies, and diseases of the
people, he is of stature tale, and comely, of counte-
nance graue, whom who so beholdeth cannot but loue, & withal feare
him, his haire is of the colour of a ripe filbird, plaine and smooth
almost to the eares, from the eares curled and somewhat paler, and
brighter of colour, from the shoulders tost and carried with the wind,
being divided in the midst of the head after the manner of the Naza-
rites: his forehead smooth and passing faire, his face without any the
least staine, or wrinkle, beautified with a moderate ruddinesse, his
nose and mouth very well proportioned, hauing his beard full and
copious, of the same colour with his haire not very long, but forked
in the midst, his looke quick and cheerefull, his eyes shining & cleere:
he is merry but with modestie, and gravity, whom never any man
knowe to laugh, but often to weep: in reproofe he is terrible, in ad-
monishing milde, his hands and armes comely to behold, in talke so-
ber, distinct, and modest, beautifull, faire, aboue others the sonnes of
men.

Euangel